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- The Iraqi 5 Brigade is now at al-Salt in Transjordan, except for an artillery regiment which has remained in Baghdad, where it is being equipped with 4.5 howitzers in preparation for departure.
- On 12 August the 2 Mountain Artillery Regiment was in Mosul and about the middle of August it was expected to arrive in Baghdad, where it was to be similarly equipped for duty in Palestine.
- An engineering park company is already en route to Transjordan.

25X1X 4. the Iraqi Government is planning to raise an Assyrian force of five thousand men for service in Palestine. Recruiting is to be encouraged by a promise of Assyrian officers and a minimum pay of fifteen Iraqi dinars per month.

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